

O. Rainer on his outstanding contributions to the Nashville District, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Nation.

IN HONOR OF POLICE CAPTAIN JOSEPH D. SILVA AND HIS 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF MILPITAS, CA.

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 1998

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and congratulate Captain Joseph D. Silva, a dedicated member of the Milpitas Police Department. After thirty-five years of outstanding service, Captain Silva will be retiring from the force.

Joseph Silva joined the Milpitas Police Department on February 4, 1963. Since then he has served in several capacities, making many lasting contributions to the force and community along the way. Joseph was promoted to Sergeant in 1966, Lieutenant in 1973, and again to Captain shortly thereafter.

Captain Silva played a major role in guiding the evolution of the department as Milpitas grew from a small farming town to a large urban community. He started the department's first inventory procedures for equipment and the first suspect identification system.

For eight years Captain Silva was a K-9 officer, wearing out five dogs in that time. He has served as a supervisor in patrol, traffic, and investigations, and was the first of many Milpitas Police Supervisors to attend the FBI Academy.

Captain Silva was pivotal in planning and establishing the modern police administration building and the new police car design. They will stand as tributes to his leadership and dedication.

Over his many years of service, Joseph Silva has been commended numerous times by the citizens of Milpitas and the law enforcement community. On March 1, 1998 the city will thank him again upon his retirement. I would like to join them by expressing my appreciation for his efforts. His leadership and commitment are an example and an inspiration for all of us. I wish him much happiness and success in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE 1997 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD WINNERS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 1997 Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce Valor Award winners. The Valor Awards honor public service officers who have demonstrated extreme self-sacrifice, personal bravery and ingenuity in the performance of duty. There are five categories: The gold Medal, the Silver Medal, the Bronze Medal, the Certificate of Valor, and the Lifesaving Award.

The Silver Medal Award Winners are Lieutenant Steve Barr, Technician I Richard Scott, and Technician I Channing Furr.

Lieutenant Barr, Technician I Scott, and Technician I Furr showed outstanding judgement and initiative after a car crashed into the rear of a restaurant. Beneath the car, a natural gas line severed by the crash created an explosion hazard, with the driver, suffering from severe traumatic injuries, trapped inside. Acting quickly and effectively, the team members were able to mitigate the gas leak and attend to the patient, by demonstrating outstanding initiative and judgement.

The Bronze Medal Award Winners are Officer Bryan E. Sutton and Officer J.S. Dillon.

Officer Sutton responded to a complainant whose husband was threatening suicide. The husband appeared before the wife and Officer Sutton brandishing a knife. Officer Sutton placed the wife out of harm's way and calmly talked the husband into surrendering, thereby bringing a potentially volatile situation to a safe conclusion.

Officer Dillon responded to a burglary in progress where shots had been fired. He arrived to find that suspect had taken an occupant hostage at gunpoint. Officer Dillon negotiated with the hostage, successfully diffusing a potentially life-threatening situation with no injuries or loss of life.

The Certificate of Valor Award Winners are HM3 Robert R. Robinson II and Police Administrative Specialist Donna Lisa Belcher.

Petty Officer Robinson, while on vacation, heard about a severe accident on his CB radio. He proceeded to the scene where he located and assisted victims until medical help could arrive. Petty Officer Robinson's expertise, dedication to duty, and professionalism were a tremendous asset to the arriving rescue personnel.

Police Administrative Specialist Belcher assisted in the apprehension of a suspect who had been wanted for murder for several months. Due to her persistence and ingenuity, she was able to locate an address for an out-of-state relative where the suspect was found and arrested.

The Lifesaving Award Winner is Telecommunicator Alma Boteler.

Telecommunicator Boteler received an emergency 9-1-1 call from a man whose pregnant wife of six months was giving birth to her baby in a toilet. Because of Telecommunicator Boteler's ability to effectively communicate life-saving procedures under difficult circumstances, the husband was able to remove the baby from the toilet and give it mouth to mouth resuscitation, saving the baby's life.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating these fine heroes, who every day, unselfishly devote themselves to aiding those in need. I have the highest appreciation for their untiring dedication and outstanding service.

TRANE COMPANY'S APPLIED
GLOBAL SYSTEMS GROUP
E.P.A.'S 1998 ENERGY STAR
BUILDINGS ALLY OF THE YEAR
RECIPIENT

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the La Crosse-based Trane Com-

pany's Applied Global Systems Group for being recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a recipient of the 1998 Energy Star Buildings Ally of the Year Award. This award is given to businesses that promote the use of energy-efficient products and contribute to air pollution prevention. The E.P.A.'s Energy Star Buildings Ally Program proves that business and government can not only coexist, but can actually achieve mutually beneficial goals, energy efficient cost-savings and lower emissions.

This award symbolizes a great success for Trane Company and demonstrates how far the company has come since the late 1980's and early 1990's when they faced a steadily declining sales and workforce reductions. It was feared this employer, a cornerstone of employment in the region, would leave the community.

Fortunately, a commitment was made by both management and the employees of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union Locals 21 and 1115 to cultivate a team concept and to foster a partnership for a friendly work environment that promotes pride, encourages a new level of trust and embraces new negotiation tactics in labor relations. Today, the employees and management view each other as allies rather than adversaries, and they work to achieve goals that are fair and productive to the employees and the company. That is part of the reason why the La Crosse Business Unit of Trane Co., responsible for the design, marketing and manufacture of centrifugal water chillers, absorption cold generators and scroll compressors for commercial air conditioning products, was named the 1996 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year.

Currently, Trane Company employs more than 3,000 employees in La Crosse. They offer industry leading products to an international market. The drive to succeed and dominate in the heating, ventilating, air conditioning and building management industries has enabled them to successfully identify the need for energy efficient and environmentally friendly products. The confidence Trane Co. has in their employees' ability to offer bold, new products to their customers ensures that the company will continue to dominate the market for years to come.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Trane Company and its employees on a well-deserved award and wish them continued success in what promises to be a bright and prosperous future as they enter the 21st Century.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST SERGEANT CHARLES PARKER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD

HON. ROGER F. WICKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 1998

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents for his long and distinguished career in the Mississippi Army National Guard. First Sergeant Charles Parker of Calhoun City, Mississippi, is the full-time Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of Company B, 223rd Combat Engineer Battalion in Calhoun City. He is retiring